S. No.	Name of the Institute/ College	Course	Year of Approval	Year of Withdrawal
STATE: TAMILNADU				
10.	J.A. Institute of Engg. & Tech. 12, Parukal Vill., Cheyar Taluk, Chengai, MGR Distt.	Degree (Engg.)	1997	1999
11.	Alagesan College of Tech. Kanchipuram Ana Distt.	Degree (Engg.)	1997	1999

Amount required for Primary Education and Literacy

†712. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy has made an estimate about the annual additional amount required for primary education and literacy in the country;

(b) if so, what is the estimate of the annual additional amount required for the purpose; and

(c) what decision has been taken so far by Government for providing the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Saikia Committee in 1997 made an assessment of additional Rs. 40,000 crores for elementary education over five years. The Tapas Majumdar Committee made an assessment of additional requirement of Rs. 1,37,000 crores for Universalisation of Elementary Education over a period of 10 years. By following cost effective and convergent

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

approaches, it is likely that the requirement of funds would be lower than the assessment made by the Majumdar Committee. No separate assessment has been made for literacy.

The IX Plan allocation for elementary education in the Central Plan was Rs. 11,842 crores. Besides this, provision of Rs. 4526.75 crores was made for the Mid Day Meal scheme. The allocation for year 2000-2001 has been fixed at Rs. 3608.75 crores, which is 25% more than the expenditure for the year 1999-2000.

Literacy Rate in NER

713. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether literacy rate in the NER is lower than in other States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of funds granted by Government for this purpose in the country particularly in the NER during the last five years and till-date, district-wise/year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The national literacy rate as per National Sample Survey Organization's 53rd Round Survey Report 1997 is 62%. As per this report State-wise literacy rates are Assam (75%), Arunachal Pradesh (60%), Manipur (76%), Meghalaya (77%), Mizoram (95%), Nagaland (84%), Sikkim (79%) and Tripura (73%). Thus literacy rates in the NER, except for Arunachal Pradesh, are relatively higher than in other States of the country.

(c) A Statement mentioning the funds released to the North Eastern Region during the last five years for AE programme is enclosed. District-wise figures are being collected.